

REMARKS

This specification has been amended to add the priority claim in the beginning paragraph and to insert the Abstract at the end of the specification.

Claims 1-11 have been amended. The claims have generally been amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors, to comply with U.S.P.T.O rules, to use consistent language and to eliminate multiply dependent claims.

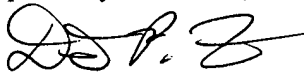
Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify that COOR² and COOR⁵ groups, as a whole, are ester fragments. Claim 1 has also been amended to further clarify that the recitation "alkali (earth) metal" refers to both alkali and alkaline earth metals.

No new matter has been added.

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